

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REGULATIONS BOARD

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[Docket No. HM-96; Amdts. 172-17, 173-67]

PART 172—COMMODITY LIST OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTAINING THE SHIPPING NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF ALL ARTICLES SUBJECT TO PARTS 170—189 OF OF THIS CHAPTER

PART 173-SHIPPERS

Etiologic Agents; Postponement of Effective Date

On September 30, 1972, the Hazardous Materials Regulations Board published Amendments 172–17 and 173–67 in Docket No. HM-96 establishing requirements for the shipment of etiologic agents (37 F.R. 20554).

Numerous petitions for reconsideration have been received by the Board because the regulation does not permit the shipment of cultures of etiologic agents on passenger-carrying aircraft. The Board has reviewed these petitions, and on the basis of the arguments for change presented to it, has proposed a modification of the regulations. See page 25243 of this Federal Register for the text of the Board's proposed change.

Since the Board's action cannot be completed by December 30, 1972, the previously specified effective date of the subject regulation, the Board has changed the mandatory effective date for Amendments 172–17 and 173–67 from December 30, 1972 to March 31, 1973. However, voluntary compliance continues to be authorized.

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ALAN I. ROBERTS, Secretary.

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